

NOTICE: California Motor Carrier Permit Fees vs. UCR Fees

The 2010 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees were approved by federal regulation on April 27, 2010, and increased significantly from \$39 to \$76 for the lowest category. Specifically the new fees are as follows:

Number of Power Units	2009 Fees	2010 Fees	Increase Amount
0-2	\$39	\$76	\$37
3-5	\$116	\$227	\$111
6-20	\$231	\$452	\$221
21-100	\$806	\$1,576	\$770
101-1000	\$3,840	\$7,511	\$3,671
1001 and above	\$37,500	\$73,346	\$35,846

All motor carriers, freight forwarders and brokers involved in interstate movement of goods or interstate transportation are required to pay UCR fees and are exempt from paying California Motor Carrier Permit (MCP) renewal fees. To qualify to pay UCR fees, a motor carrier must transport interstate goods that originated outside of California or will be moved outside of California. Many California-based motor carriers opted to pay UCR fees and received a non-expiring MCP from California.

With the significant increase of UCR fees, all California-based motor carriers who do not travel outside of California should now reconsider paying MCP fees rather than UCR fees. It is suggested that you carefully compare fees for the two programs before deciding which program to pay. A 'private' California based motor carrier that operates solely within California will pay lower fees if they opt to pay MCP fees rather than UCR fees. Large 'for hire' California based motor carriers would also pay less. For example, a 'private' motor carrier with 10 power units will pay \$35 for an annual MCP. If the same motor carrier opts to pay UCR fees, they will pay \$452 (additional annual cost of \$417).

To elect to pay MCP fees, a California motor carrier must indicate they do not operate commercial vehicles outside of California. However, if a California only motor carrier operates outside of California, they may face UCR enforcement actions for non-payment of UCR fees. Conversely, if the California carrier stays within California, they are not subject to UCR fee payment and not subject to enforcement. If you are an International Registration Plan carrier, you must pay UCR fees since you do transport goods outside of California.

If you were previously registered with UCR and received a non-expiring MCP and now wish to obtain an annual MCP, surrender your non-expiring MCP, complete an [Application for Motor Carrier Permit \(DMV 706 MCP\)](#), and submit payment of the appropriate fees. Click on the Motor Carrier Services link at dmv.ca.gov to obtain an MCP application. If you have any questions, call MCP Operations at 916 657-8153 during normal business hours.